

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/10/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19, 21-44 and 46-48.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 6/22/07 & 9/10/07.
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


Jack I. Berman
Primary Examiner

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination application was received on September 10, 2007, together with an Information Disclosure Statement. A previously filed IDS dated June 22, 2007 was also considered, which was filed after previous allowance. The cited references were expressly considered for further prosecution of this application. No grounds of rejection were revealed during these searches.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-19, 21-44 & 46-48 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
4. With respect to amended independent claim 1, prior art fails to disclose a photon emitting device, comprising: a plurality of solid state radiation sources to generate radiation; a plurality of optical concentrators, wherein each concentrator receives radiation from a corresponding one of said solid state radiation sources; a plurality of optical waveguides, wherein each of the plurality of optical waveguides includes a first end and a second end, wherein each first end receives concentrated radiation from a corresponding concentrator, wherein a portion of the plurality of optical waveguides have shaped second ends such that light emitted from the shaped second ends is directed along a light path different from light emitted through non-shaped second ends; and a support structure to stabilize the plurality of optical waveguides between the first and second ends.

5. With respect to amended independent claim 38, prior art also fail to disclose a photon emitting system, comprising: a solid state light source, comprising a plurality of LED dies to generate optical radiation, a plurality of optical concentrators, wherein each optical concentrator receives illumination from a corresponding one of the LED dies, and a plurality of optical fibers, wherein each of the plurality of optical fibers includes a first end and a second end, wherein each first end receives concentrated illumination from a corresponding optical concentrator; and a controller, coupled to the solid state light source, to selectively activate one or more groups of the plurality of LED dies, wherein the controller sends an increased drive current to a first LED die channel in response to an elevated temperature. And,
6. With respect to amended independent claim 46, prior art further fails to disclose a vehicular headlight illumination system comprising a solid state light source located in a first vehicle compartment to generate a selected illumination pattern, the solid state light source comprising a plurality of solid state light emitters, each of the solid state light emitters being optically coupled to a plurality of corresponding optical fibers, wherein heat generated by the solid state light source is distributed to a location apart from the first compartment.

Claims 2-19, 21-37, 39-45, and 47-48 are allowed by virtue of their dependencies on the independent claims 1, 38, and 46.

CONCLUSION


7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should

preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments of Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

8. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zia Hashmi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2473. The examiner can normally be reached between 8.30 AM- 5 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John R. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2477.

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October 29, 2007.


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Primary Examiner